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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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TEMPORARY INJUNCTION IS DISSOLVED

The Church of God Set at Liberty

The Evangel Goes Forth To Bless The World

The Church of God Evangel Delayed

We regret very much that the Church of God Evangel was temporarily delayed in its visit to its thousands of friends, but this was unavoidable and a circumstance over which we had no control; but was forced to wait the action of the court to dissolve the injunction in order that it might go on its mission to bless the world. I am sure that our subscribers, after learning the cause will look over and excuse this delay, and pray the blessings of God to rest on this and the forth coming issues and make them a greater blessing than ever before.

Sunday School Literature and Other Orders Delayed

We had a large number of orders of Sunday School literature and other books, Bibles, Testaments, tracts, etc. These orders have also been delayed but are now being filled at a rapid rate. We trust that all of our friends will excuse this delay and remember that the inconvenience suffered by them is but a small item to the suffering and inconvenience that those in charge of these affairs have suffered for almost three weeks. So let us all join in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the wonderful way in which He has worked and caused us to appreciate Him and the liberty that He gives, as never before.

The Church of God Publishing House that has been inactive for almost three weeks is now a busy spot in this city. The force after many days of patient waiting to hear the call to return to their post have taken their places in the usual way. The work of filling orders that have long been delayed on the account of the injunction is now being pushed at a rapid rate.

The temporary injunction procured by certain followers of A. J. Tomlinson against the Church of God and its various departments was dissolved by the Chancery Court of Bradley County, Tennessee, Wednesday, April 16th. The original injunction against A. J. Tomlinson and others as interpreted a modified by Chancellor T. L. Stewart, was retained in force, except a provision allowing them to receive members into their church, but not to represent themselves in any way to the Church of God.

This seeming unfortunate situation is regretted by the present officials of the Church that some way yet may be found to solve the legal problems of the Church without being forced to depend on the courts to adjudicate the matters in question.

Correspondence Congested

It was estimated that we had approximately three thousand letters in the Post Office awaiting the dissolution of the injunction, many of which contained orders and remittances, and very important

correspondence. On the account of this injunction we will be unable to answer every one, and we hope our friends will excuse us for this time; after knowing the situation brought about on the account of the matters referred to. We earnestly hope that we will soon be able to catch up with our work, and that everything will be normal again and that we will be able to handle all the matters of importance in a satisfactory way to parties concerned. We thank our friends in advance for their long patience, and trust God will reward them for their friendly cooperation in the affairs of the church.

Orphans' Home in Desperate Straight

On account of the restraint referred to the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home was placed in a very embarrassing position as the officials of the church were restrained from acting in any official capacity and the small amount of cash on hand deposited in the bank in the name of the Church of God, it rendered the officials absolutely helpless to aid them in any way with the resources of the church. All the precious little fatherless and motherless children seemed to realize the seriousness of the situation in so much that at the hour of prayer they were heard to cry and earnestly plead with God not to let them starve on the account of this injunction. Surely God did hear their prayers. He touched the hearts of the business and professional men and women of the city and they volunteered to send them something to eat. One prominent man said that the citizenship of this city would not allow these little children to go hungry, or this worthy institution to be wrecked. Truly God will hear the cries of His own; and we verily believe that the cry of these Orphan children will reecho in that day of all days and their tears will be remembered. Thank God the same loving sympathetic Christ, who took up the little children and blessed them will continue to bless the precious little helpless ones. We feel that it would be fitting just here to express our high appreciation for the donations received from the merchants, and business men and women of this city during these days of distress and need. We are made to appreciate this little city and its good citizenship as never before.

Orphanage Campaign

The campaign for funds and supplies for the payment and maintenance of the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home that was proposed to begin Sunday March 30th and continue and include April 20th, which is Easter Sunday; has of course, been greatly interfered with on account of the circumstances herein referred to. We will advise that all the churches, mem-

bers and friends of this worthy institution, now take up this noble work, according to the plan previously outlined in instructions sent out some time ago. I am sure that if all the friends of this worthy institution will put forth a united effort that it will be lifted above any financial embarrassment and sufficient food and clothing and other necessary things not only for the great number of children already in the home will enable the management to expand the work and heed the pitiful cry of many other worthy applicants.

(The following is a clipping from the Cleveland Herald under the date of April 11th.)

ORPHANGE IS IN NEED OF TEMPORARY HELP

Cutting off Funds Has Placed Local Institution in Embarrassing Position

The Herald is informed that the local orphanage of the Church of God people on Montgomery Avenue is in serious straits for food and clothing for the more than a score and a half of children of that institution. By reason of the tieing up of funds in the bank by the recent injunction the directors of the orphanage are dependent largely on personal contributions and individual help to keep these little children from hunger and nakedness. One or two local grocers and wholesale houses have contributed eatables, but with thirty-three vigorous little mouths to fill eatables do not long hold out after they are contributed, and fresh contributions must be made or fresh supplies obtained every day. The good people of this community, regardless of creed or of sympathetic leanings in the church controversy can not afford to see these little children suffer for supplies.

"LET 'ER FLY"

F. J. Lee

The dear old Church of God is now ready to soar higher than ever before.

Many have been wondering why they couldn't get an answer to their letters written to this office. We are sorry to have to tell you that near three thousand letters have been held up at the Post Office; not for any fault in the Post Master and his helpers, but because we have been under injunction for nearly three weeks from receiving mail, or money, or sending out any in the name of the Church of God. We couldn't pay our bills or even buy food for the little orphans for the lack of money; but thank God our hands are now untied. You are wondering now, "who has done this terrible thing?" We will have to tell you that it was the opposite side of this question; and you know who that is, A. J. T. and his coherents. We are sorry to have to make mention of this, but will have to explain in a way of apology for you not getting a hearing from us and also for the delay of the Evangel coming to your home. I am sure you have felt grieved because of all this, thinking perhaps we were neglecting you, and was doing

you an injustice; we are sorry that an injustice has been wrought, but you can readily see who the offender is, but we are loose now; the judge, this afternoon at about two o'clock declared the injunction dissolved.

As stated above, we are ready to soar higher than before. First, because we are not to be molested any more in our business. Second, because as we have been hindered so long we enter the work with greater zeal and determination than before. Third, because spring time has broke in on us with beautiful warm weather, therefore we are expecting great revivals to break out and many souls get to God.

"Let 'er fly." Yes, let the Church of God fly to the four corners of the earth. Let the gospel message fly from the lips of the faithful ministers. Let the faithful old Evangel fly like a carrier pigeon with a message of good news, love and victory to the many anxious waiting ones. Let the Sunday school literature that has been bound here in the office for many days fly rapidly to the waiting Sunday schools that have been handicapped for the lack of literature because of the injunction. Let prayers fly to God for the success of the work. Let praises and thanksgiving fly to Him because we realize He is with us.

We will answer your letters just as rapidly as we can get to them. We are ready to get down to real business. The state overseers will begin to plan their state assemblies. We will try to be at some of these assemblies, but it will be impossible to attend all of them. I would be glad to visit every church and every member if I could do so, but will only get to visit just a few on account of being in as many conventions as I can.

With these few lines I will close, hoping you much success and victory in the Lord.

THE BAN IS OFF

Dear Friends:

I write you this letter to inform you of the wonderful way in which God has been with us in our tie up and the glorious deliverance He has given us. We are once more at liberty to go on with this good work. For over two weeks we have been under an injunction and not allowed to do one thing in the name of the Church of God. The trial set for yesterday was concluded today and at its conclusion the judge dissolved the injunction.

Our mail and everything was tied up so that we could not hear from you nor send information to you. Our paper had to stop. This answers for all the delay in orders, papers, and everything else. Oh it was a wonderful sight when about 3,000 letters besides other mail was poured out on the table. We gathered around it, and on bended knees thanked the God of heaven for what He had done for us. The photographer took a photo of the big pile of mail with the happy saints encircling the table. I am reminded of one state-

ment Jesus made concerning His Church. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Well you have been wondering what has been the matter; and I know what you will do when this issue of the Evangel reaches you. Of course you'll shout.

Now just a word to you. It will require some time to get back to normal and you must be patient with us. Things will run day and night till the rush is over. Every precaution will be taken to fill all orders as fast as possible. If yours does not reach you as soon as you think it should just remember the situation, and be patient with our office force. Every one must press the battle as never before and pray for the success and victory of our great cause; and while you pray for that, don't forget to pray for those who appear to be our enemies. It doesn't seem possible that those with whom we used to have such sweet fellowship, could rise up against us, but such seems to be the case. Let us pray for them and treat them as kindly as possible for many of them are honest in their opinion. Pray that God will touch their hearts and cause them to return to their former fellowship with the grand old Church of God. I love them all and would be glad to have the same sweet fellowship that used to draw our hearts together, restored.

J. B. Ellis.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psa. 37:5. Well praise the dear Lord we know He is able to bring things to pass, and we now realize it more fully since the injunction has just this P. M. been lifted, after being on, lacking 2 days, of being 3 weeks. And how the dear Lord has helped us out when the orphanage committee were not allowed to check us a penny for the said time above.

But I do thank God He still lives, rules and reigns and hears the cry of the humble, from an honest heart. But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit; and trembleth at my word. Isa. 66:2. I have just returned from the court house, and want to say in respect of the honorable judge that heard the case, he gave the Church of God people a good name. Thanks. He said, "I have had occasion several times to be associated with some of them, and wherever I have met them, found them to be an honest, upright people, that always wanted the right thing. If they had been drunkards they quit drinking, if they were thieves, they quit stealing, paid their debts, etc." Now if we are not all of that and more too, we are not worthy of the name. We praise God for the privilege of sending the dear Evangel out again to its thousands of readers, who, we know have been wondering about its delay. We have prayed for you, and know you have been remembering us, and we will find, I am sure, among the 3,000 letters that

accumulated in the Post Office, many good tokens of your love, and we will now be allowed to open, read, and enjoy their contents for which we praise our God.

With 36 children in the homes, it was no little problem to solve, with all our funds suddenly cut off. But thank God for kind faithful friends, and above all for Jesus, who has said, "I will never leave nor forsake thee."

Lillian Kinsey,
Matron, Orphan's Home.

LAW ABIDING CITIZENS

Perry W. Hadcock

"They that forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them." Prov. 28:4. The word law in the above quotation comes from the Hebrew word, Towrah, meaning precept or statute and the word wicked in the above quotation is taken from the Hebrew word, Rasha, meaning morally wrong, bad.

I am sure the many lovers of the Church of God Evangel that look forward to its weekly visits with anxiety, have been unexpectedly disappointed in the delay of the paper. But this delay was brought about by an injunction that was served on the Editor and Publisher and his associates some time ago. They at once ceased to operate the Publishing House, because they were law abiding citizens.

The contention has been on but we are glad to say that undisputable facts convinced the courts of the true situation, and the shackles were loosed and the Church of God Publishing House runs in full as usual, and the Evangel comes to you freighted with the love of God. I admire our Editor and his helpers in that, that they have the grace of God shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost to the extent, that they have kept sweet in the Spirit during this uncalled for delay and test. I am sure they have God's smiles of approval on them. I believe this test has been the means of strengthening them all, and should the storm clouds again arise, they can face the test with that firm faith that God will never leave nor forsake them. Let false reports go if our enemies see fit to circulate them. I wish to say we have a body of men at the Headquarters of the Church of God that can be depended on. Every test that comes in their path proves their ability more and more to handle the trust given them.

Let each of us remember the fact that we are living in the last days and may expect the enemies of the Church of God to attack us in various ways. If the laws of our country affords us protection of their noble principles we love so well, and we forsake the law, in so doing we praise the wicked. Jesus, Paul and others used the law for their protection, these noble principles must go to the ends of the world.

Let us show our appreciation of our brethren who have the responsibilities of the Headquarters of the Church on them by our cooperation in every department of the church work. We will do it.

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We will do our best to keep from
making mistakes, but if we make a
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recting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us
reports of interest from the battlefield.
If nothing else a postal card telling
where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium
of information as well as a spiritual
blessing.

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ONE WHO HAS HAPPENED
TO MISFORTUNE

Dear Evangel Readers:

Brother S. E. Bradam has sent me his request for the Evangel. I want to say that while he has happened to this misfortune and has gotten into trouble, he certainly has been a friend to the Church of God at Maryville or Alcoa, Tenn. He has a lovely family. His dear wife is a good woman. They stood by wife and I when the devil was trying to starve us out and run us away from Alcoa, when we were opening up that work. Now there is a strong Church at that place.

Many times when we were out of something to eat and didn't know where the next meal was coming from, to our Brother S. E. Bradam's boys with a basket full of groceries, sometimes enough to run us a week. They didn't belong to the Church but they loved her teachings. Sister Bradam would have joined the Church, but she wanted to get the baptism of the Holy Ghost before she took that important step. She wanted the full experience. Brother Bradam did not profess salvation at that time, but he stuck to us closer than a brother in every conflict, standing behind us with his money till we won the victory.

Let every saint of God who reads this, pray a special prayer for Brother Bradam and his family, for I know he will make a strong man for the Church of God when he gets out of that prison.

A special friend and brother of his;

L. G. Rouse,
Circleville, Ohio.

THE PRISONER'S REQUEST

Dear Saints of God:

I am now, and have been since Oct. 6, in prison, on a charge of attempt at manslaughter. I feel in my soul that God has pardoned my sins and made my soul free. My desire is that the world may know how God can give joy to the troubled heart if we but trust Him in all things and at all times. The Lord has promised that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He will be in the midst. I have learned by reading the words of my blessed Redeemer that we don't get anything good that does not come from God, our heavenly Father, and I realize He knows the heart and mind of every living being. I feel greatly impressed to call on all the

true saints of God to go with me in prayer to the Father, first of all that His will may be done.

Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it. Let them be driven backward and put to shame who wish me evil. Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, aha! aha! Let all those who seek after Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: Let such as love Thy salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified." I am poor and needy yet the Lord thinketh upon me. Thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, oh my God. I know without God I can do nothing at all. I am praying God continually to give me the victory over the evil one. If we are God's children we ought to love one another.

I want to ask all the saints of God to pray for me and my family, that we may ever do His blessed will, and be guarded from all harm and danger. I want God to have His way with me, and that I may let the dead bury their dead, and take up my cross and follow Jesus the rest of my life.

My home is at Maryville, Tenn. Brother Thomason, Brother Rouse, and Brother Wilkerson know me and my family. I was an attendant at the little church there, and long to be one in that number when the saints go marching in to glory. I know my Savior lives, for I feel Him in my soul. He keeps me every day of my life, and I want you to pray that I may be a fit temple for the Holy Ghost when He comes, and that I may press on and receive all the blessings according to the will of our heavenly Father. God bless you all.

S. E. Bradam,
B. 73, W. 5, Petros, Tenn.

HEALED IN ANSWER TO
PRAYER

It has been pressing on me for some time to send some testimonies to the paper, so I am sending them and ask that they be published just as they are, in the Evangel for the benefit of the many who are suffering over the country.

These are some of the answers to the many handkerchiefs I receive every day. God is working wonders through anointed handkerchiefs; so I ask all who read this to pray that God will just keep His dear loving hand on me, so that I can be a blessing to this lost and dying world, and that I may stay humble. I am nothing but what God has made me. But by the grace of God I am what I am.

Your unworthy brother,
L. G. Rouse,
624 Mound St., Circleville, O.

Dear Brother Rouse:
Your letter came safe to me and thank God, I was healed before receiving the letter; for I had obeyed God's Word and He honored my faith.

The Lord has been my healer for ten years, and He has never failed me in all this time. Thank God for His mighty healing power.

We are greatly in need of a Church of God preacher here; one who is filled with the Holy Ghost, and who stands for the Church of God with Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

I do thank God for your kind and humble prayers for me and I hope God will bless your labors everywhere you go. Please pray for me, that I may keep low and humble at Jesus' feet and be ready to meet my Lord in peace.

Your unworthy sister in Christ,

Mrs. Thatcher Falmouth.

Dear Brother Rouse:

I praise God this morning for full and free salvation. I can feel the joy bells ringing in my soul. I am so happy, I just want to praise God for His goodness.

We had services at our home Sunday the 27th. The Lord surely blessed the saints and we had a good time.

The day I started the letter to you I felt somewhat different and when the letter returned, praise God, I placed the handkerchief on my body and the Lord touched me. This morn-

"LOST FOREVER"

Lost forever will it be?
Lost through all eternity,
Lost from friends and loved ones too,
Lost in spite of all we do.

Lost from all that's pure and good,
Lost eternally from God;
Oh may this never be the case,
For now we know that's sin's disgrace.

Lost with Satan forever to dwell,
Your soul for ages to burn in hell;
Lost on account of some earthly lust,
Will your soul be suffering when your body is dust?

For dust we were and to dust must return,
But when life's ended, I choose not to burn,
But rather to dwell in my mansion fair,
With Christ my Savior who's building it there.

Now come to Christ He'll make you whole,
He hates your sin, but loves your soul,
And shed His blood that we might live,
He now is anxious to forgive.

Would it not be better when life is done,
To hear our Savior say, "Well done",
Than to live in sin, die and be lost?
Oh now is the time to count the cost.

Lillian Moxley,
75 Blfd. Ave. Bluefield, W. Va.

I feel as though I have never been sick in my life. I am so glad because I can trust the Lord for the healing of my body as well as the keeping of my soul. I have been trusting the Lord for the healing of my body ever since I have been in this good old holiness way, which has been seven years. The Lord has healed me many times, and I feel more like trusting Him than ever before. I praise God for the Bible Holy Ghost.

I desire the prayers of all the dear saints everywhere. Please pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for all my loved ones who are in sin that they may see the light and come in this way before it is too late.

Minnie Wooten,
Clayton Ga.

RAISE AND GRATEFULNESS TO THE LORD

Dear Brother Llewellyn and All the Evangel Force—Greetings in Jesus' Name: Just a few words tonight as my heart is overflowing with praise and gratefulness to the dear Lord and the Evangel Force, for sparing and saving our dear little Evangel spiritually and financially, as she is being restored to her former self again, with that wonderful power that fills the hearts of her readers, with such tender love for all the saints everywhere.

I feel like confessing to our dear brother and highly esteemed editor, that I misunderstood the cause of the Evangel's illness; and while it was striving for principles and right, I made the remark to a sister that the change of editor had killed our paper and that it had lost its charms and power, and that my love for the once dear little Evangel had gone.

Now I want to ask the editor for forgiveness. I also want to commend him for the way he has nourished and cherished our dear Evangel back to health and power.

As I read it and feel the wonderful thrills, it holds me in sacred devotion; and my heart overflows with the purest of love and old time emotions.

God bless the Evangel and all its force is the sincere prayer of a true friend and sister.

Bessie Walker,
Holly Ridge, La.

ONE OF MANY

Extracts from a letter from Brother John E. Jones, will show a degree of the anxiety and patience existing on the field during the time we have been under the injunction.

Dear Brother Llewellyn:

I have not received my paper for the past two weeks and this week will make three. I thought that I would call your attention to the matter. I am sure it is not your fault, for I believe you are giving the best attention possible. I am not

ARE YOU READY FOR THE BATTLE

We find, while going through this life journey, that it is a continual battle of some kind, for some cause, from the infant in the cradle to the hoary hair blossoming for the watery grave. As we rise early in the morning, and view the beautiful golden rays of the sun, as it illuminates the eastern horizon and spreads over the landscape, while listening to the dew drops pattering in the leaves, as the mocking bird sings many different melodies, as if it were hundreds of beautiful birds in our presence—it makes the joy of the morning bubble up within us. This is to be appreciated, but we look on the other side of this beautiful view and see the battles of the day as they loom before us. While with the use of a powerful microscope we are unable to detect every battle that will present itself during one day, and which will be the severest, what is one day to be compared to a long life here in this unfriendly world among a race of fallen humanity, or to eternity?

As we think on these things it makes our heart melt within us, and it seems that we can hear the voice of our opponent say, there is no use. While pausing and meditating upon the discouraging message received we hear another voice say, "Look," and behold we see a beautiful little sparrow of the morning dressed in white, tinted with gold, flitting from branch to branch laden with dewy blossoms, amongst the humming of thousands of bees in search for food to sustain them during the battle of chilly breezes and hoary frost of winter. We hear the little bird as it seems to say, cheer up, it is your Father's will for you to win the victory in the day.

Discouragements are abated, the tide begins to rise within us as we listen to those soothing words, and go forth determined to win. We see the sun bury her shining face beneath the western hills with victory in our souls.

We find in Rom. 13:12 where Paul says, The night is far spent the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. I wonder if we realize that the day is almost at hand. It seems that I can hear the little bird in the distance, as it awakes from slumber and announces that the breaking of the day is here. Can you hear it? Have you made preparations for it? Are you making preparations for it?

In Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesians 6:11-13 he said, Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Some battle against the laws of nature, some against the laws of health and many other things, but the severest battle is to keep in possession of our soul until Jesus says come up higher.

We notice that Paul said in Ephesians 5:6, Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Now Paul didn't say for us to get weak-kneed and retreat, but he said, Take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. Surely that day is dawning upon us. Once I heard of a lad being in battle and his position was beating the drum. His captain saw from a present standpoint of view that his regiment was liable to be captured, and he gave the command to beat a retreat. The voice of the lad

rang out amidst the faint hearted, discouraged regiment, in the face of the foe, and said, "I don't know how." The captain cried out again, "Beat a retreat;" but the words came back in reply, "I don't know how," and he said, "Well, beat a charge." As these words reached the ears of the lad he immediately began beating a charge, and they made one more determined effort, and the enemy was driven back while the victory was won.

Is your Captain giving orders for a retreat or a charge? The Captain of our salvation knew no defeat, while being tempted of the devil in the wilderness He didn't become faint-hearted, but met every temptation with the Word of God; and I'm sure He is not saying retreat, if you are following the right captain. Jesus didn't retreat in the garden of Gethsemane, in Pilot's hall, nor at Golgotha, as He was beat, spit upon, mocked, and suffered a crown of thorns to be placed upon his brow. In His agony He groaned, He wept, He wailed, but never did He retreat.

He stood true when the battle was the hardest. As He suffered upon the rugged cross of Calvary, during the dying hour, He stood true and said, "It is finished. Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." He came out victorious over death, hell and the grave, "Oh death, where is thy sting, Oh grave where is thy victory."

Perhaps you have heard the wrong drum sound, but He says "Follow thou me," and we must march on to victory, with a conqueror's tread; no time to stop; no time to loose; but be ready in attention, listening for the still small voice to say, Forward march. Hush, I hear it now. Don't you? Oh! The victory must be ours. It is our privilege, and His will for us to come out victorious. Some people say that if they had known that the way was so hard they would have never started. Perhaps they are following the wrong captain. Jesus says, For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matt. 11:30.

We notice in Heb. 10:38, But if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. So we see that we must be filled with the Spirit of God, and living up to all the light that shines upon our pathway, so when the last battle is fought (death) we can be conquerors through Him. Let us get on the armor and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14. So fight on poor soul, fight on, because there is rest ahead, if we are true to Him.

A student,
P. W. Chesser.

THE GOOD OF DISTRIBUTING TRACTS

I want to tell an experience for the glory of God.

A few days ago I handed a tract to a brother. The tract told about how Jesus had saved a drunkard. This brother knew a friend whom it might help as he was a drunkard, so he passed it on. He read it and it had its effect.

As was his custom, he started down town to the "blind tiger" stand to buy him some of the hell he had been getting, but before reaching the place the good spirit checked him and caused him to think of the tract. He turned straight back and went to a dry goods store, and bought his wife some clothes with the money he was going to spend for that damnable stuff that would ruin his home.

I thank the good Lord for using me in giving out tracts. I ask prayer that I may give out more. Please send me 500 tracts to distribute. Distributing tracts keeps my mind on the Lord, as nothing else will. I mention this, that others may know what good may be accomplished through this great work.

C. G. Hunter,
Jacksonville, Fla.

FAITH

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtain a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God; so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Heb. 11:1-3.

The writer of the above further states that without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

In order that we may be able to get people to seek after God, it is very important that we be able to convince them that God really exists; that He is the creator of the world and all things that are therein, that He is the supreme ruler of the universe, the giver of every good gift; and that He loved this poor lost world enough to give His precious and only Son to die on the cross that we might be saved through Him.

Whatever means it will take to reach the different classes of people of this earth, and the different nations of the world, and convince them of the existence of a God, that loves and saves all who come unto Him, is the thing that is most needed at this critical moment of time. We must be able by the help of God, to enlighten this lost world of the saving grace of the Lamb of God.

It is quite easy for him who believes in the existence of God and has learned of His mighty power and willingness to save, to come and seek Him for the salvation of his poor lost soul.

Justifying faith is a saving grace wrought in the soul by the Spirit of God, whereby we receive Christ as He is revealed in the Gospel, to be our Prophet, Priest and King, trust in and rely upon Him and His righteousness alone for salvation.

This faith begets a sincere obedience in the life of him who possesses it.

It assures us of the reality and worth of eternal and invisible things, and produces a satisfaction and unshaken confidence that God will, in reality, perform what He has promised in His Word.

The firm foundation of faith is the essential, supreme perfection of God; His unbounded knowledge, immutable truth, infinite goodness, everlasting love, and almighty power.

Faith has a prevailing influence upon the will of man, it draws his affections and renders his whole being obedient to the Gospel of the Son of God. By such faith we are said to be justified. Rom. 5:1. We are justified by faith, not formally, but because we have believed that God, in reality, rewards all who diligently seek Him. Therefore we go to Him with a broken and contrite heart, because of sins committed, and repent before Him in the bitterness and agony of our souls, until we have confessed all the wrongs we have ever committed, and nothing is left covered up in our lives. It is easy then for us to believe that He saves, and not until then can we believe that we are justified in His sight.

What then is the evidence of our standing with God and how shall we know we are justified?

Paul said, "We have peace with God." Rom. 5:1. Knowing that nothing in our lives has been covered up, that all has been confessed out, and nothing else remains to be confessed, naturally places us in a position where we can exercise faith in God that produces this "peace like a river," "peace that passeth all understanding."

Having then exercised faith this far, it is possible for the child of God to come in possession of faith and obtain grace wherein he is able to stand. Rom. 5:2.

Look to 1 Cor. 15:1. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand."

"By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

Not only do we have to exercise faith in God to get our sins forgiven, but we must continue to believe in Him to the extent that we will put into practice all His teachings and show our faith by our works for, "faith without works is dead."

Abraham had faith in God and did not stagger at His promise but obeyed, not knowing where God would take him, but because it was the call of God he knew it was safe to obey.

On account of Enoch's faith in God of things not seen, was moved with fear and prepared an ark, by which his whole family were saved from the flood and the whole world was condemned, and he became heir to the righteousness of God, all by faith.

Sarah listened to God and was blessed beyond what was possible from a natural standpoint. All because she judged him faithful who had promised.

These all died in the faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Heb. 11:13.

When Abraham was tried he offered up Isaac without questioning God as to why He wanted him to make such a great sacrifice. He knew that if he slew his son, God was able to raise him up, for he remembered that God had promised that, "In him shall thy seed be blessed."

In Jacob's dying hour he was able to exercise faith in God, and did not take his leave until he had blessed both of Joseph's sons, then leaned over on his staff and worshipped God.

When Joseph came to the hour of his death, he looked back over a life well spent in the service of the Master, spoke of the time when the children of Israel would leave the bondage of Egypt, and told his friends what to do with his bones.

It was by faith that Moses was hid for three months of his parents, because they knew he was the proper child, for that reason they were not afraid of the king's commandment. After he reached manhood he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but took his place among the people of God, rather than to take chances with the people who sinned. He counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt. By faith he left old Egypt, and was not one bit afraid, even though the king did get mad about it, but acted as though he was able to see Him who is invisible.

By faith in God he was able to lead the children of Israel through the red sea on dry ground; and by the same means the walls of Jericho fell down, after God's people proved their faith by their works.

We could speak of Gideon, Barak, Sampson and many others who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of lions, quenched the violence of fire, ran all the armies of aliens of the battlefield, and won great victories for God because they trusted in Him. All these obtained a good report through faith, yet they did not receive the promise. "God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Heb. 11:40.

God help us to have faith in Thee, that these noble veterans may all be perfect, and that we may ever do the whole will of Him whose life's blood was shed on the old rugged cross that we might go free. Amen.

HELPS FOR THE TEMPTED

Mrs. Bertie Harrison.

HE CARETH FOR YOU

1 Peter 5:7

"Are you troubled, weak, and weary,
Thru the lonely hours of night,
Watching for the break of morning,
Longing for the dawn of light?
Oh! remember One is near you,
Who had lonely nights and days
On the mountain-top of sorrow,
And He careth! yes, always!"

"Are you far from friends congenial,
Tolling thru life's busy throng?
Have you lost the one sweet centre
Of your human heart and song?
Has the minor key of sadness
Locked your soul within its groove?
Oh! remember that He careth
With unutterable love!"

"Have the friends you trusted failed you
In your hour of deepest need,
And you sit within the gloaming
Thinking o'er each broken reed?
Oh! lean hard upon your Savior,
Who was left alone to die,
When they all forsook and failed Him
At the cross of Calvary!"

"For He careth, oh! He careth
With a tenderness so sweet;
With a love that passeth knowledge;
With a sympathy complete!
Then cast all your cares upon Him,
For He careth night and day!
You have never far to seek Him—
He's beside you! yes, alway!" Rose Benn.

A little tract, "Keep Still" fell into my hands one time and brought to me a message that I have needed all down through the years. This little tract found its way into my scrap book, and I am passing it on, hoping that it will be a blessing to many.

"Keep still. When trouble is brewing keep still. When slander is getting on its legs keep still. When your feelings are hurt, keep still until you recover from your excitement at any rate. Things look different through an unagitated eye. In a commotion once I wrote a letter and sent it, and wished I had not. In my later years I had another commotion and wrote a long letter, but life had rubbed a little sense into me and I kept that letter in my pocket until the day I could look it over without agitation and without tears. I was glad I did. Less and less it seemed necessary to send it. I was not sure it would do any hurt, but in my doubtfulness I leaned to reticence, and eventually it was destroyed.

Time works wonders, wait till you can speak calmly, and then you will not need to speak, may be silence is the most massive thing conceivable

sometimes. It is strength in very grandeur. It is like a regiment ordered to stand still in the mad fury of battle. To plunge in were twice as easy."

Selected.

The party who brought my mail from the office unfortunately lost one of my letters. The name Jones was on the outside. If this was an important matter, please write again.

We are certainly glad to greet our dear friends once more after this long delay. We hope you have not become discouraged but have been patient in your anxiety to know why your Evangel has not appeared; but when you receive this copy you will understand and will certainly praise God for all His goodness to us.

Truly He has done marvelous things for which we are glad. As our time is limited and we are hastily getting out this issue of the Evangel we are giving you only a short message this week but we hope it will bring cheer to some troubled heart. God bless you all and fill you with His sustaining grace and make you able to say, Hallelujah! in the midst of the battle.

HEALED IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I have felt led to write and tell the dear saints about the Lord healing my little boy of an awful pain in his side.

I felt led to send a handkerchief to Brother Lee just before the General Assembly, and ask him to take it to the prayer room, and anoint it and have the saints to pray and lay hands on it that he might be healed of the awful pain, with which he suffered so much.

He was healed before the handkerchief was returned, and his side has never hurt him any more until this morning, though I had never laid the handkerchief on his side. It pained him this morning, so I laid the handkerchief on it and he was relieved at once. The enemy doesn't want me to testify to this, so I want all the Evangel family to ask God that he may be completely healed.

I want to testify for Mr. Edd McNemee and wife, as they asked me to tell how their baby was healed. It was a pitiful sight to see the little thing suffer. She was three years old and had never walked or talked. I told them how others were being healed by sending handkerchiefs to Headquarters to be anointed and prayed over. The baby's mother asked me to send one for her, and I did. That was almost a year ago. They say they have never given her a

drop of medicine since, and she can walk and talk some. They give God all the praise, and say the doctor didn't do her any good.

We are ten miles away from any Church of God people, so we have no one to call in and pray for us, but God has never failed to hear us. He said, "Whatsoever you ask in my name, I will do it."

I do thank and praise God that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hallelujah to His name! The Holy Ghost still abides in such a sweet way.

Dear saints, please ask God to help my family and myself in troubles and trials, rain or shine, to be able to say "Amen" to Jesus; and to be ready to meet Him when He comes or calls. Ask God to bless the people here and give them more light on His Word.

Mrs. Wiley Arnold,

R. 3, Water Valley, Miss.

HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES

The weather has been bad and the roads muddy but I have walked at least twenty miles this last month. I never preached to congregations, but I hope words have been spoken that will tell for God. He told us to go out in the highways and hedges. Where people can't go to church this gospel must go, and when it is my lot to carry it I want to be faithful and true to Jesus.

I hope to do more. Writes

Eliza Kendall, Rosine, Ky.

Beersheba Mission

I truly believe God has a forgiving; a place to make a covenant with God; a place of humility; a place for reproach. Read 2 Tim. 4:2. Preach the word; be instant in season; out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Read Gen. 21:22-33.

The number seven denoting perfection, completeness, a full gospel, and finally a place to call on the everlasting God. The grove of trees representing the crowds God will cause to grow in Beersheba. It is also a place of comfort, for did Jesus not say He would send the Comforter to us. See Gen. 46 where God comforts Jacob through His great promise. Has He not promised to give the Spirit to those that ask Him? Last, but not least, it is a place where we can offer a sacrifice of our time, our means and our praise to Him, which will be acceptable with Him if we love Him.

Now let us begin at the first letter of the name and spell B-e-e-r-s-h-e-b-a and get a blessing from the references. Beloved, Deut. 33:12; Song of Sol. 2:16.

Enter, Luke 13:24.

Endure, 2 Tim. 2:3.

Reign, 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10.

Satisfied, Psa. 17:15.

Heaven, Rev. 21:1.

Everlasting, Isa. 61:7.

Bethrothal, Hosea 2:19, 20.

Amen, Rev. 3:14.

Now beloved if the Lord should speak to your heart concerning this work, will you let Him have His way with you? In the meantime I am going to talk to my heavenly Father for it is all for His glory.

Carrie Lummus,

Box 132, Artesia, Miss.

"DIDN'T IT RAIN"

Who said the Church of God at Ages, Kentucky had all gone astray?

Truly some of the members did go astray but some are standing unwaveringly for the Church of God and her government and teachings as outlined by the General Assembly, just as we have stood and been blessed so many years. Some who have been deceived and led off have been honest hearted enough to come back to the Church and acknowledge their mistake.

And in praying for God to watch over and protect them, I have remembered them all, and asked the kind heavenly Father to shield them from harm, and that no wrecks occur, through the coming year, over the entire system.

I stopped here—my thoughts returned to the mission. It seemed almost a reality, for the big hearted railroad boys would not pass me by. I thought of a name, the Lord brought to my mind Beersheba, as every name, especially Biblical names have a meaning.

I thought I would see what the meaning of Beersheba was. Well truly it was God's name for His mission.

Here are some of the good things that belong to Beersheba. We behold it for the first time. It is called the well of the oath, or of seven, as the Lord showed it to a distressed mother where the water saved the life of her boy. Gen. 21:17.

Praise God, Beersheba, a life saving station. Next we see the man that dug the well, a man who loves and fears God. It is said of him, "God is with thee in all that thou doest." Here we find a place of confession where wrongs are righted; a place of blessing and kindness shown; a place of truth (swearing); a place for questions concerning truth; a place for giving and

The next day we all went to have meeting with a sister who has been sick with consumption a long time and had not been able to get up or down without help. She danced all over the house under the power of God and walked almost a mile to church and back that night. We give God all the glory for this. We also thank Him for some who will stand for the Church of God in spite of all the devil can do.

Lillie Gibson, clerk,

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Will A Man Rob God

E. C. Scarbrough

Much has been said and written on this important subject, but I feel a strange awakening within my inmost being that causes me to throw aside my timidity, take up my pen and begin to write as God brings these thoughts to me.

What a wonderful God we have! It is He who brings us out of darkness, into the marvelous light. It is He who loved us so much, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. It is He who gives us food, raiment, health and wealth, and even the very hairs of our head are numbered. Seeing then His wonderful love and power to fallen humanity, we are made to quake and tremble when we think of this important question, "Will a man rob God?"

O what a question coming to us in such plaintive tones that we cannot dodge the issue. Ponder it in our hearts as we may; try to evade it as so many do, yet it remains intact. We may answer it negatively: we must answer it with many affirmatives. We may answer it negatively when we remember that God is the Fountain head of all things, the Creator of heaven and earth and all that in them is. All the wealth of the earth is His; the cattle on a thousand hills, and the boundless plains are His; the golden grain that waves in the fields of every land and island of the sea are His. The gold in the heart of mother earth with that in the vaults of the banks, on the fingers, wrists and apparel of the rich are all His. All the forces of nature with which man has been able to accomplish so much and without which he would come to naught, are but the laws of God's creation and are therefore His. Every light that brightens our homes; every message you speak over the telephone; every musical sound you hear from your piano; every message that goes over the telegraph wire, every concert or message you listen to from the radio; every locomotive, drawing its stupendous trains by the mighty power of the expansive vapors, working out through its mechanism; every automobile that runs to and fro are but a few reminders of man's dependence upon God.

God showers His blessings down upon the thankful and the unthankful, believers or infidels. Man is here only by God's permission, and every breath he draws is borrowed and nothing to pay back.

But, will a man rob God? You say impossible, but we speak in the affirmative, and say, yes, man can, and does rob God. He robs God of the adoration and glory due Him, when he takes a menial view of Christ and His work.

A Chinaman was once asked for a contribution to the cause of Christ: "No," said the Chinaman, "Me no like Christ." He is always broke." The Chinaman voiced the sentiments of the business world today in regard to Christ.

But why is the cause of Christ bankruptcy? If every tenth dollar made in this busy world today was placed as God has directed it to be placed, would His cause on earth be bankrupt today? If every tenth dollar made in this world today was placed as God's Word directs, the entire world could, and would be speedily evangelized.

But the business world of today promptly revolts at the suggestion of giving one tenth of their income. To their minds it is outrageous and absurd. It would bankrupt the business world. He likes the Sunday morning or evening nickel idea better. O what a difference between God and man! "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son"—For man so loved God that he gave Him a nickel. The tithes (tenth) is the Lord's.

Let me tell you something that perhaps you never thought of before, and yet it is true. When you pay the tenth part, you haven't given anything.

their souls whiter than the driven snow. We hear the call as it reaches the ear of that humble servant of God, who has forsaken all, taken up the cross, and is doing what he can to rescue perishing souls. Down in a humble little cottage (or cabin), on some side street, or hillside we see him pouring out his soul to God for the lost world. When he looks across the little room he calls home, he sees his companion, who has given up the luxuries of this life, with all the comforts she enjoyed before hearing the call, "Go ye." Her clothes are very plain; her shoes are badly worn, and as she sits there in a common cane chair, on either side seated on the floor are her children, poorly clad, but cheerfully singing praises unto their father's and mother's God. As this mother looks into their little faces, then around at the bare room with old bedsteads which have been discarded by some one, with their mattresses of straw from some barn, and an old heating stove (which is good enough for the pastor), she thinks of the meal they have just eaten, which consisted of a scanty bit of the very plainest food, she sees no future hopes in this world for her children save through Christ. The father's heart deeply yearns to carry the glad tidings of great joy to hungry souls, but it takes all the time he can spare from the Church he is pastoring to work at some hard manual labor to support his family.

The Scene Changes

On some main street, or thoroughfare, we see a comfortable home. The days work over; the family circle is seated around a table in a nicely furnished dining room, where the bright lights shine down upon food that is fit for a king; on the white linen cloth is placed the nicest of supper dishes. The rich sweet milk glistens in the nice glasses; the scent of the appetizing ham, eggs, vegetables, and dainty desserts, greet each one in such a manner that they are wholly lost in thought of such until their appetites are satisfied. Supper being ended, they walk into the nicely furnished sitting room, where each one reclines in a nice morris, or rocking chair. The children are engaged in discussing the topics of the day, reading their books, or playing the piano and singing; while father and mother are very busily engaged discussing the future of each child and planning for their college education. The time comes to retire, and after a formal prayer, while mother is carefully preparing the nice beds made of downy feathers with their snow white linens, father takes a walk out to the barn to see that his herds of cattle, horses, hogs, etc. are safe and that the garage is locked against thieves. Then he draws a breath of satisfaction, as he says to himself, "My money is also safe within the vault of the bank," but only nine tenths of this belongs to Him. He has robbed God of what belongs to Him. Sunday morning dawns bright and clear, and we see this entire family nicely clad, as they glide over the smooth road in their beautiful car to the little church around the corner. As they enter the church they see that humble servant of God with his family kneeling at the altar, pouring their hearts out to God for the Church and the lost world. When the praise service begins we hear these people in a very formal way as they say; "I am glad God has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost," and this is about all they know to say.

Dear soul, do you realize what it means to be sanctified? Everything you have, and all that you are must be on the altar for the Lord. Let's reason together for a moment. Can a robber enter heaven? If so, why need we preach repentance longer?

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me, but ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?

In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring all your tithes into THE STORE

HOUSE, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith saith the Lord of

hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:8, 9, 10.)

Will a man rob God and still remain sanctified? Did you ever see a sanctified robber? How much of the tithes did he say to bring into the storehouse? (treasury) All. How much is all? One tenth. (Lev. 27:32.)

What would you say should I come into your own home on some dark night, and rob you of one tenth of all you possess? Immediately you would cry out, "Let the law of our country take its course," and when I was brought before the courts, the goods produced, and you testify that they belong to you. I would be cast into prison (which would only be justice). But listen, in the broad open day light man is robbing God of His tithes, and still He is giving you freedom (worldly), but on that great day when you appear before the great courts where the Judge of judges shall reign supreme, then these humble servants of God, with their children (who went through this world half clothed and fed), will appear as witnesses against your soul, with the ones from which you have kept the gospel. Then what will be your sentence?

"Oh," I hear so many begin to say; "This is not for us that are not under the law, but under grace." To these we will quote the words of Christ who came not to destroy but to fulfill the law, and He is the law for us today. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Matt. 23:23.) Jesus told them plainly they ought to pay their tithes, and today are we not much better than scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites?

A Neapolitan shepherd once came to his priest saying, "Father have mercy on me a miserable sinner. While I was busy at work some whey spurted from the cheese press flew into my mouth, and wretched man, I swallowed it. Free my distressed conscience from its agonies by absolving me from my guilt." "Have you no other sins to confess?" asked the priest. "No," said the shepherd. "There are," said the priest, "many robberies and murders from time to time committed on your mountains, and I have reason to believe that you are one of the persons concerned in them." "Yes," he replied, "I am, but these are never accounted as a crime; it is a thing practised by us all, and there is no need of a confession on that account." So it is with men who rob God: they don't deem it needful to confess this crime to God, as it is common among men.

Others say, "We are not Jews, and therefore it does not apply to us." One day Oberlin, a poor French minister, was reading in the Old Testament where God told the Jews that He expected them to give a tithe of all their property to Him, said he to himself, "Well, I am sure that I, as a Christian, have three times as many blessings as the Jews had. If it was right for a Jew to give one tenth of his property to God, surely I ought to give at least three times as much as that."

Is not this gospel of grace superior to the law, and Christ to Moses? Should not this Christian generosity surpass that of the Jews? How the Jews did lavish their vast wealth on the Old Testament Zion (The New Testament Church). With this beautiful gospel within our reach, and this wonderful Christ within our souls, the wonderful revelations of the New Testament Church flooding our souls with joy unspeakable and full of glory, how much more should we bring all the tithes into the storehouse (treasury). It is beyond question a New Testament obligation to support the ministry and maintain the ordinances of the gospel. (1 Cor. 9:13, 14.) Will a man rob God?

"This God is the God we adore, Our faithful, unchangeable

The Last Days

The dark night which proceeds the coming of our Lord, is upon us. These are the perilous days that Paul spoke of, when men shall be lovers of themselves, without natural affections, despisers of those who are good.

The spirit of this closing age is to throw off all gospel restraint, shun the truth, substitute error, dethrone Christ, enthronize self, and to live as if there was no God, no judgment and no coming day of retribution for sin.

Paul further says, that in the last days many shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

There never has been such a falling away as there is today; so the children need not be alarmed or discouraged. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." These are truly wonderful days to the child of God; it all indicates the nearness of the coming of our Lord. The old world is terrified as it looks upon the events of today, but we see the Word of God fulfilled before our eyes. All around us we see signs of the soon coming of Jesus to take the reigns of government in His hands. "And this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14.)

This gospel has been preached to every nation, and today we find a great falling away taking place among those who once knew the Lord; the love of many has waxed cold. While these things are taking place there are great works being done among His people too. He said we should tell of His wonders—talk about them.

We stayed out one month and ten days on this trip. The Lord directed us to North Mississippi. We held a ten days meeting at Oak Grove church and the Lord blessed. We began the meeting with fasting and prayer. Most of them were in a cold state, we first got all the saints together and prayed for one another. Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another. (James 5:16.) Then after we got the saints all on fire we began the meeting.

About thirty were saved and reclaimed. One a whiskey maker that had an old grudge at some of the Lord's people, (devil just magnified it in his mind that he had been treated wrong) and it was running him crazy. The Lord took it all off his mind. One murderer broke and came to the altar and got saved. One woman came from Belmont who had been in sin all her life. She got saved and healed of a cancer. A baby fell in the fire, and the back of its head was burnt until water run out, the Lord healed it. Two women, two men, and one baby lying at the point of death with flu and pneumonia in both lungs, were healed. One baby that had some kind of a nerve trouble was healed instantly. An old doctor who was sick, (said he could only see an open grave before him) got saved, and said he was going to take his Testa-

ment about with him, and that he could give the drugs he had on hand away, if necessary. One man got the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues who had been seeking for five years.

Brother Williams had been a church fighter, but saw the light and joined, he is called to preach. He left an appointment where we went to help some people, three of them got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, (away out in the country). Two other young men found that they were called to preach. The Lord liberated them and they ask for license. Many that were about to be led away, saw the importance of standing with the Church.

We then visited other churches in the District. At Temple, they are all standing true to the Church. Two women received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues, two were blessed and a good many reclaimed, for that Church had gone down terribly.

We went to the Walker House, only found one family standing for the Church, but they all agreed to stand together and accept a Church of God preacher, and not to have any more literature taught to them, they want the Word.

Next we went to Copper Hill, and from there to Boonville, where we preached several times and three Baptist ladies received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and spoke in tongues, one of them an old lady seventy-four years old. About fifty-seven were saved and reclaimed in all.

Let us press on and not get discouraged.

J. J. and Sarah Wedgeworth, R. 6. B. 32. Union, Miss.

BE ENCOURAGED

To the Church of God—Greetings:

Just a few words to encourage the dear saints scattered abroad. We want to encourage those in Virginia, who are yet standing with and for the Church of God. I know some of you think we are a long time getting to you. Brother Simmons and I are constantly on the field. If we could have gotten to you we would have been glad. Please be patient with us. We are endeavoring to do our best. We have some true blue Church of God people in Virginia yet, and we are hoping and expecting to have some wonderful revivals during the year. We have some good preachers who are going in the battle against the enemy in a short time if the dear Lord permits; so please let us exhort you in the name of Jesus, our mighty coming King to be encouraged.

Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more Holy Ghost filled Church of God preachers in this state, who won't hold their peace day or night till Jerusalem is made a praise in the earth. Everybody pray for a real land slide from heaven, that we may have a harvest of souls for Jesus.

Our beloved Percy King is planning to start out in the near future with his big 40 x 60 foot tent. He is a good evangelist in the Church of God, and I know him to be a real good man. I knew him before he got salvation.

BE ENCOURAGED. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Your brother in Christ, E. J. Hanks, dist. pastor, Monocacy, Va., Box 138.

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